Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - September 2021

Club Meetings - 2nd Tuesday each month. 6:30pm at St Johns Hall. 72 Napier Street, Tamworth.

Next meeting : Tue 12th Oct 2021. 6:30pm.

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Tamworth 4wd Club

Tamworth 4wd Club is a family orientated club. We cater for family participation in recreational four wheel driving and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction. Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Victorian High Country) are planned annually and in advance. The choice of trips you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain. Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Christmas-in-July social weekend, demonstrations and inter-club activities.

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Editors Dribblings

Hello to all and sundry. Between covid and lockdowns and what-not, it really hasn't been much of 18 months now has it ?

October weekend is fast approaching, like, this coming weekend, and the trip planned for Barrington will be called. There is a bit of uncertainty with State Forests at the moment; there was a rumor floating around where camping within State Forests was permanently banned during this long drawn-out Covid period, and that Forestry Personal were monitoring various forests and fining people for camping within. This is unconfirmed, however, what is confirmed is that in the near future, user pays! That's right, watch this space - we will be paying one day to enter and camp in State Forests , or at least, those that are deemed "active" by the NSW Forestry.
Digressing back to Barrington, I do not wish to run any risk, sitting here saying its all fine and dandy, - lets go!, ...and, this is all actually true and we get caught & fined. Not worth the risk.

September meeting : Newsletter editor must have been out touring with The Pixies, or licking those gold top mushrooms again. Completely missed the meeting, not even thinking about it, and pretty slack on his/her part. (Whichever gender is the real newsletter editor.)

Hopefully by the October meeting, the state will have hit the magic 70% double jabbed mark, which should allow us to roam a bit more freely with less risk. Here's hoping.

Over and out.

Tamworth 4wd Club Monthly Meeting. September 2021.

Date: Tuesday 14th Sep 2021. Held at Anzac Park, Tamworth.
Meeting Open: 18:30 Chair: Paul Ellison
Members : Rick Burton, Jodie Thompson, Paul Ellison & Mel Bridge.
Apologies : Katrina Burton, Adrian Altona, Clint Green, Graeme Hodge.
Guests : Matt Ellison, Ben Allen.

Minutes of last meeting true & correct: Rick / Jodie.

Business Arising from July meeting.
-Association fees: Paid.
-Annual summary of financial affairs for Dept of Fair trading.
-Template letter for sponsors (do up email)

Correspondence in & emails.
-July Newsletter
-Robert McKimmin re interested in joining.
-Tony Ellery re: Association fees.
-Jodie Thompson re: template letter.
-Paul Ellsion re: template letter
-Tony Ellery re:, receipt for Tamworth 4wd Club
-Westpac re: e-statement available.
-Mandie K re: (unsure ??)

Correspondence out & emails.
-Newsletter July 2021.
-Robert McKimmin by Dave re: interst to join.
-Tony Ellery by Leanne Middleton re bank receipt.
-Paul Ellison by Jodie THmson re: Template letter.

Financial Report
Working Account : not available.
Reserve Account : not available.

New Business / General Business
-Christmas in July: turning into Halloween. To discuss further.
-30/oct/21. Jodie to arrange emails. Look into covid restrictions.
-Note Caves, not covered by insurance if go camping.

Trips

Mt Kaputar :To be rescheduled at October meeting.
Barrington Tops :To be rescheduled at October meeting.
Moore Creek Caves :To be rescheduled at October meeting.
Trip report for Coffs Harbour in future newsletter.

Due to Covic, Lock downs, and fear of traversing into other Shires and bringing Covid back home, trips have been placed on halt for the time being. Further discussions will take place at the October meeting.

Meeting closed at 18h45.

TRIPS - (Notes from July. Further discussions at October meeting)

Christmas in July in October for Halloween

If to be held at Wallabadah, the immediate area around the camping shelter is just starting to dry out nicely. Water in the creek, green grass everywhere. However, the track down to the shelter past the bore is "interesting" to say the least. Water is still laying around everywhere seeping out the mountain. It is a mess. Another month yet to dry out.

Mt Kaputar

Col looked into information for Mt Kaputar trip. Discussion on the Barraba Track as well as the main track in from Narrabri.
Please contact Col and/or Leanne if interested.

Barrington Tops

Will be located in Crown Conservation Area, either The Cascades or Water Gauge, both are on the Manning River. Grade: medium with heaps of fun. Pink ribbon will be used at corners and turn offs to show the way for others. Ample camping for everyone. Fishing right there on the door step. No amenities at either locations, though, Loo's are 30 min drive. Nice freezing cold swimming holes & water falls nearby. Maps and info will be posted as the time gets closer. Caravan un-friendly unfortunately.

Moore Creek Caves:

Ran by Clint. Day drive to go exploring Moore Creek Caves.
Grade: easy.

Mt Kaputar info. (apologies for this being not as clear as it should be)

For spectacular scenic views of remote volcanic mountains, steep Barraba track offers mountain biking, walking, and a 4WD tour in Mount Kaputar National Park, near Narrabri.

Where	Mount Kaputar National Park
Distance	8km one-way
Time suggested	3hrs
Grade	Medium
Price	$10 fee and $40 refundable deposit for 4WD permit and key.
What to bring	Sunscreen, hat, drinking water

Please note

- 4WD use of this track requires a key and permit with very specific conditions which may effect journey time, routes and availability.
- This track is closed during wet weather. Please check the park alerts for this track's status before setting out on your journey.
- The weather in the area can be extreme and unpredictable, so please ensure you're well-prepared for your visit.
- Remember to take your binoculars if you want to go birdwatching

If you hanker for the rugged beauty of wild and remote places, then Barraba track in Mount Kaputar National Park, near Narrabri, will definitely get your heart pumping. Stretching from Kaputar plateau to the secluded eastern boundary, this steep track boasts spell-binding clifftop views. There's no reward without effort, and this limited access track will challenge experienced mountain bikers and walkers alike.

Several pioneering families lived in the Mount Kaputar area in extremely harsh conditions. Stockmen looked after sheep and cattle on the Kaputar Plateau, often going for months without seeing another person. Enjoy a walk to the historic Scutts Hut to experience the pioneers' harsh lifestyle. The Scutt family lived in the hut in the 1940s and 50s, and it has been carefully restored to its original condition. Most of the materials to build the hut and furniture were brought in by horse - even the rainwater tank.

An ancient heritage

Mount Kaputar National Park is the traditional Country of the Gamilaroi Aboriginal people. The park provided a rich resource for food, medicines, shelter and weapons and the landscape is part of Dreaming stories. Reminders of the Gamilaroi's connection to this ancient landscape are evident in Aboriginal rock carvings, campsites, marks on trees and axe grinding grooves throughout the park.

Colourful locals

Ascending the rocky track, stringybarks and blackbutts give way to majestic snow and mountain gums. You'll pass lush ferns and grass trees before arriving at the summit, where you'll glimpse the dramatic volcanic landscape of Mount Dowe and Lindsay Rock Tops, through the trees.

If you're cycling or walking, enjoy a hearty picnic lunch, before heading back down. If driving, round off your trip with a visit to picturesque Horton Falls.

Local alerts

For the latest updates on fires, closures and other alerts in this area, see https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/cycling-trails/barraba-track/local-alerts

General enquiries

National Parks Contact Centre

7am to 7pm daily

1300 072 757 (13000 PARKS) for the cost of a local call within Australia excluding mobiles

parks.info@environment.nsw.gov.au

Park info

in Mount Kaputar National Park in the Country NSW region

Mount Kaputar National Park is always open but may have to close at times due to poor weather or fire danger.

Visitor info

All the practical information you need to know about Barraba track.

Track grading

Grade 4 Learn more about the grading system

Features of this track

Quality of markings	Gradient
Clearly sign posted	Very steep

Distance	Steps	Quality of path	Experience required
8km	Occasional steps	Formed track, some obstacles	Some bushwalking experience recommended

Getting there and parking

Barraba track is in the Kaputar plateau precinct of Mount Kaputar National Park. Please also note vehicle access to Barraba track is by permit and keys only. A $10 fee and $40 refundable deposit is payable by cash in advance. They are available from Barraba Cafe and Queen Street Cafe, Barraba. To get there:

From Narrabri:

WALKING TRACKS

1. Yulludunida Walking Track – hard 4km return
This hard walk starts from Green Camp car park and climbs up through woodland to the base of the Yulludunida 'crater'. From here there are no marked routes however experienced walkers can scramble over rocks to the summit of Mt Yulludunida. Return the same way.

2. Mount Coryah Walk - medium 4km return
This bushwalk leads from the Coryah Gap picnic area, up the stepped lava terraces of Coryah Mountain to the summit. Once you reach the lava teraces, the track circumnavigates the summit, revealing the mysterious shapes of the Nandewar Range and the wide open plains beyond. This is a spectacular walk for day trippers wanting a challenge or a great starting point for experienced and well prepared hikers to explore Rusden Wilderness Area. Not suitable for small children as there are exposed cliff edges.

3. Euglah Rock Track – easy 2km return
This easy stroll leaves from the bottom of the Bark Hut camping area. This easy stroll leads to a lookout overlooking Euglah Rock, another spectacular volcanic remnant.

4. The Governor (Corrunbral Borawah) – medium 2km return
This return track begins at The Governor carpark and takes you to the peak of a large volcanic plug. The first 300m of this walk is sealed and wheel chair accessible to The Governor Lookout, overlooking the wilderness area. From here the track continues and walkers can scramble up a marked route to the top of The Governor. This part of the walk requires medium fitness and is not suitable for small children as there are exposed cliff edges.

5. The Kaputar Plateau Walk – medium 6km loop
This is a medium walk along fire trails that follow part of the original 'pioneer track' from Coryah Gap to Dawsons Spring. The walk begins at the Kaputar Plateau fire trail, 2km beyond Bark Hut. Walk down the fire trail, experiencing the changes in vegetation with changes in altitude. At the junction with Scutts Hut fire trail turn right and continue walking along the fire trail until you meet Kaputar Road just above Bark Hut. Walk along the road to Dawsons Spring or return the way you came.

6. Scutts Hut – Kurrawonga Falls Walk – hard 19km
This track is the longest walking track in the park and should only be attempted by experienced, well prepared bushwalkers. The track follows the Scutts Hut Firetrail, beginning at the Kaputar Road above Bark Hut and continuing down the ridgeline. About 7km down the fire trail a steep walking track leads off to the left and down to Scutts Hut and Kurrawonga Falls. The return trip to Bark Hut is uphill along the same route.

7. Dawsons Spring Nature Trail – easy 1.4km loop
An easy loop walk from Dawsons Spring picnic area, this walk loops through the sub-alpine woodlands to the camping area. Interpretation signs along the way help you appreciate your surroundings in more depth.

8. Summit Walking Track – medium 2km return
This return track leads off the Dawsons Spring Nature Trail and connects Dawsons Spring with Mount Kaputar Summit, the highest point in the park.

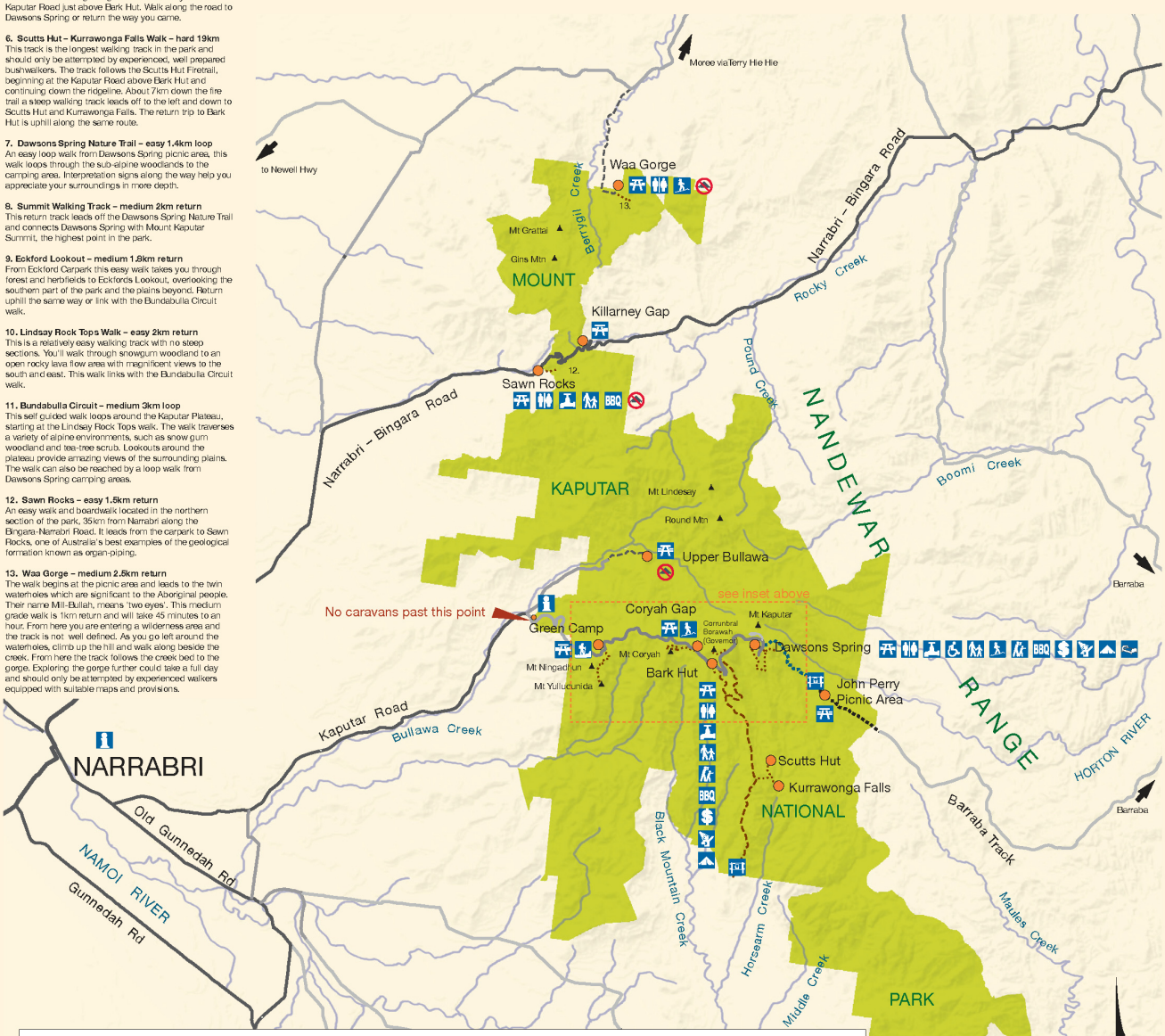
9. Eckford Lookout – medium 1.8km return
From Eckford Carpark this easy walk takes you through forest and herbfields to Ecklords Lookout, overlooking the southern part of the park and the plains beyond. Return uphill the same way or link with the Bundabulla Circuit walk.

10. Lindsay Rock Tops Walk – easy 2km return
This is a relatively easy walking track with no steep sections. You'll walk through snowgum woodland to an open rocky lava flow area with magnificent views to the south and east. This walk links with the Bundabulla Circuit walk.

11. Bundabulla Circuit – medium 3km loop
This self guided walk loops around the Kaputar Plateau, starting at the Lindsay Rock Tops walk. The walk traverses a variety of alpine environments, such as snow gum woodland and tea-tree scrub. Lookouts around the plateau provide amazing views of the surrounding plains. The walk can also be reached by a loop walk from Dawsons Spring camping areas.

12. Sawn Rocks – easy 1.5km return
An easy walk and boardwalk located in the northern section of the park, 35km from Narrabri along the Bingara-Narrabri Road. It leads from the carpark to Sawn Rocks, one of Australia's best examples of the geological formation known as organ-piping.

13. Waa Gorge – medium 2.5km return
The walk begins at the picnic area and leads to the twin waterholes which are significant to the Aboriginal people. Their name Mill-Bullah, means 'two eyes'. This medium grade walk is 1km return and will take 45 minutes to an hour. From here you are entering a wilderness area and the track is not well defined. As you go left around the waterholes, climb up the hill and walk along beside the creek. From here the track follows the creek bed to the gorge. Exploring the gorge further could take a full day and should only be attempted by experienced walkers equipped with suitable maps and provisions.



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Unsealed minor road
Dry weather road
4WD track / permit required
Firetrail (Locked gate, walkers/cyclists only)
Walking track

Wheelchair friendly
Picnic area
Toilets
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Easy walking track

Medium walking track
Hard walking track
Lookout
Barbecues
Camping fees

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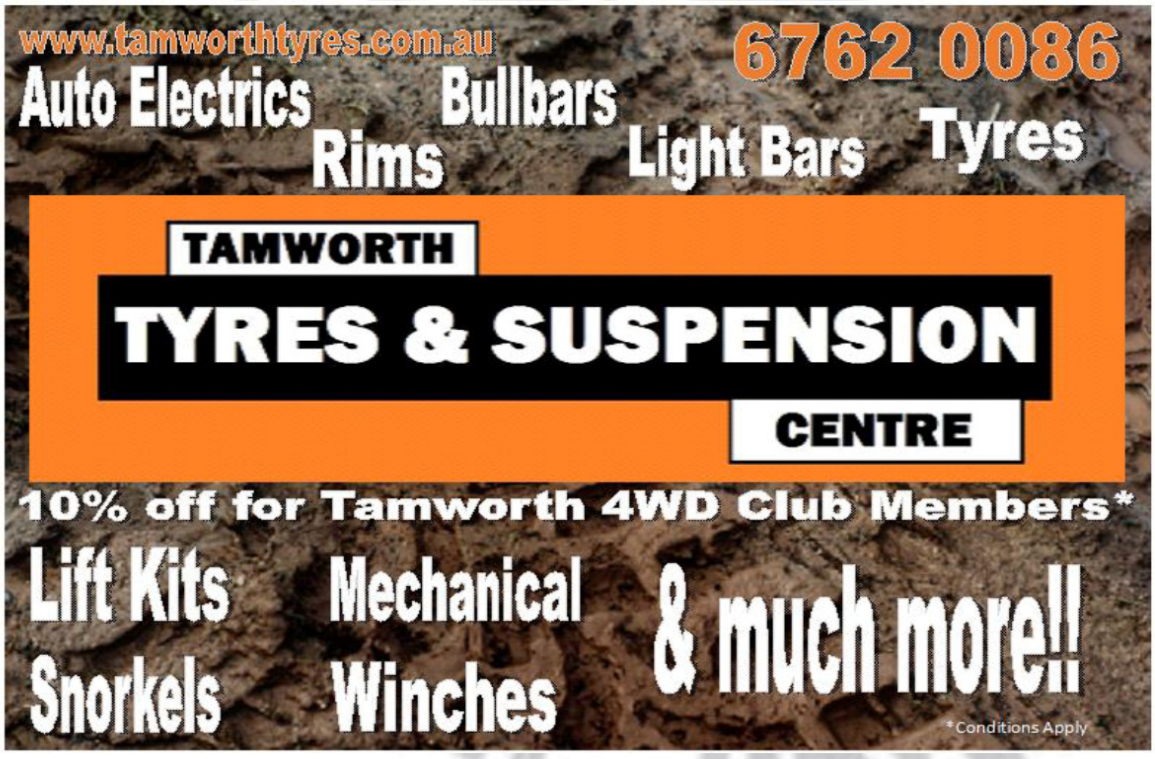

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Colouring in competition for all ages !

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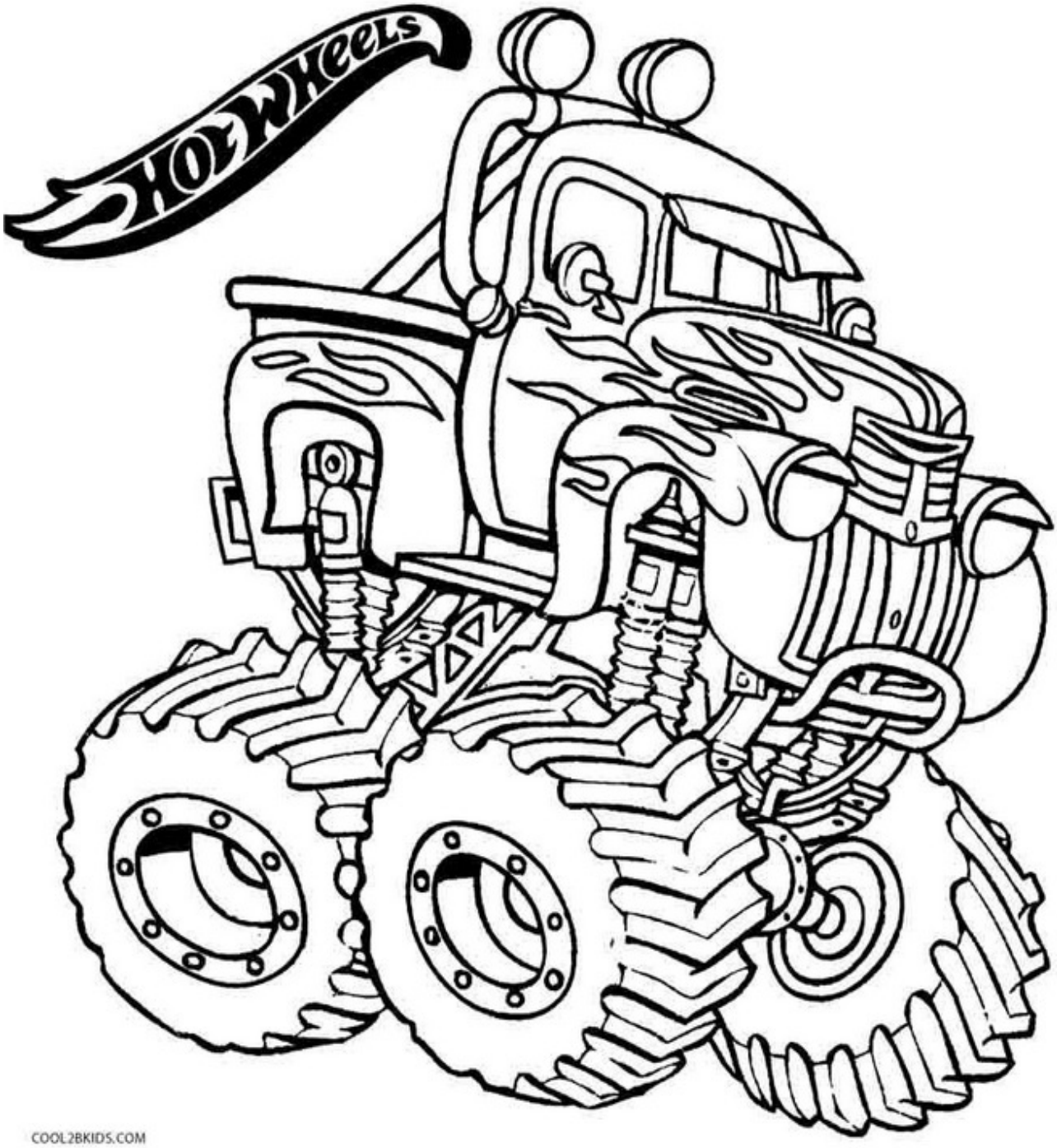


HISTORY OF THE TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB

Tamworth Recreational 4WD Club was formed in 1976 by local Four Wheel Drive owners. It is a family orientated club and caters for family participation in recreational four wheel drive touring and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction.Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (eg Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Kakadu just for ideas) are planned annually and in advanced. The choice of trip you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain.Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Xmas in July, demonstrations and inter club activities.

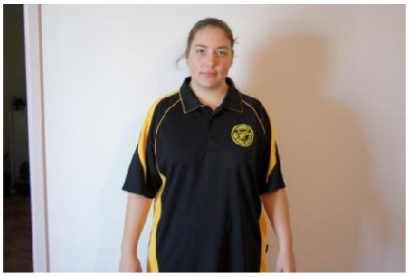
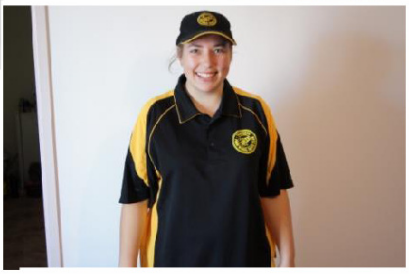
THE CLUB'S OBJECTIVES

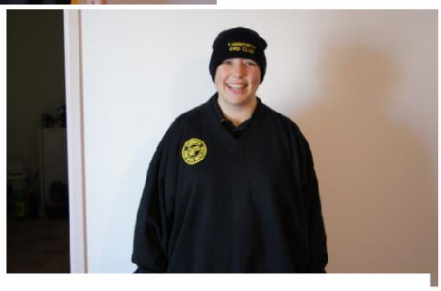
- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



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- $27 - Polo Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $40 - Hoodies
- $15 - Caps
- $15 Beanies

Kids

- $22 - Polo Shirts
- $17 - T-Shirts
- $30 - Jumpers
- $35 - Hoodies

If anyone is interested in ordering merchandise please contact Treasurer – Leanne Middleton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: ……

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Signature of Member: …… Date: ……..

Signature of Partner: …… Date: ……

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

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In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

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Names of Members:

_____

Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

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